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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-30 are rejected.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Office Action mailed on July 5, 2006, rejects claims 1, 9, 13 and 17 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting for allegedly extending the right to exclude subject matter claimed by Claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,480,868, and US Patent No. 6,502,115.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits herewith as a separate paper a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR §1.321(c) to overcome the rejection. Applicant also respectfully notes that not all of the subject matter claimed in the present application is disclosed by any one of the cited patents.


Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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